

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

--The injection device shown in the drawings comprises a syringe 1 located within a protective housing 2. The syringe comprises a container 3 incorporating a liquid dose held in place by a bung 4 and having a needle 5 through which the dose can be ejected by applying pressure to the bung 4. The container 3 has an enlarged head 6. A plunger 7 is biased forwardly by a coil spring 8, but is held back in a latched position (Figure 1) until such time as a trigger (not shown) is actuated to release the plunger and the spring 8. Prior to use the syringe 1 is held within the housing 2 by a coil spring 9. The free end 10 of the plunger 7 passes through an O-ring 11 (which creates a tight frictional grip around the plunger) and enters into the top part of the syringe ~~housing~~ container 3. In this state, the O-ring 11 rests against the head 6 of the syringe container 3.--

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 and bridging pages 3 and 4 with the following amended paragraph:

--When the plunger 7 is released so that the spring 8 pushes it forwardly the frictional force between the plunger 7 and the O-ring 11 causes pressure to be applied to the head of the syringe container 3 to move the syringe bodily forwards (thus compressing spring 9) so that the tip of the needle 5 projects beyond the end of the housing 2, until such time as a ledge 12 on

a member 13 connected to the syringe container 3 abuts a stop 14 of the housing 2 (Figure 2). As this point the syringe can move no further forward, and the end 10 of the plunger 7 is still spaced from the bung 4 by a gap 15. However, the plunger 7 continues its forward movement, under bias of the spring 8, overcoming the frictional force between the plunger and the O-ring 11, and enabling the end 10 of the plunger to contact the ~~plug-12~~ bung 4, after closing the gap 15 (as shown in Figure 3), until the charge has been fully expressed (as shown in Figure 4).--